GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4901
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ROADS FUNDED BY WORLD BANK
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that various Centrally Sponsored Road Development Schemes funded by World Bank in various States are dogged by the activities of the underworld mafia;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; (

(c) whether the Union Government have received reports that mafias are not allowing such schemes/programmes to be implemented; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of various road development schemes without the interference of mafias?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Some contractors have reported that they have received threats relating to extortion, etc. However, the works are in progress.

(c) & (d) Ministry has requested the concerned authority to provide adequate safety measures.